GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Facilities in SAI Units
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services and facilities available in various units of Sports Authroity of India (SAI) are at par with international standards, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken to improve the facility.
(b) the nature and details of the complaints received and follow up action taken, in various units of SAI during each of the last three years and the current year. and
(c) the details of proposals/action plan for setting up of SAI Region/Centres especially in the backward States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 TO BE ASWERED ON 01.12.2015 REGARDING FACILITIES IN SAI UNITS ASKED BY SHRI B. SREERAMULU AND SHRI AJAY NISHAD.
(a) to (c): The requirement of sports infrastructure, services and facilities varies with level of users. For national athletes, who are preparing for participation in major international events, world level standards and specifications are provided. It is not feasible to maintain similar standard at lower level of sports programmes, i.e. schemes like STCs and SAGs which undertake talent identification and development to help the sportspersons become national level athletes. Accordingly, training infrastructure and equipment is normally not on par at such centres with international specifications meant for international competitions.
SAI organises National Coaching Camps for the elite sports persons / teams preparing for International competitions. SAI Centres where such training camp are organised have infrastructure, services and facilities at par with international standards, which are normally regional centres. Where ever various SAI STCs are being used for holding national camps, in these places international standard infrastructure, services and facilities are provided. Some of the examples are given below:-
i) Wushu National coaching camp was organised at SAI Imphal recently − the Wushu training facilities were upgraded to International Standard by providing world class Wushu arena and state-of-the-art high end equipment.
ii) Taekwondo National coaching camp was organised at SAI Aurangabad recently − the training facilities were upgraded to International Standard by proving world class Taekwondo arena and state-of-the-art high end equipment.
iii) Next National coaching camp for Rowing at Jagatpur in December, 2015. Accordingly, the centre has been upgraded with infrastructure facilities, equipment etc. at par with the International standards.
Infrastructure facilities in STCs and SAGs in the country are of the required standard.
A few isolated complaints have been received from time to time regarding maintenance of sports hostels and facilities, etc. Sports Authority of India provides regular maintenance grant upto Rs.20.00 lacs to each training centre for the upkeep of the existing facilities.

However, for the centres which require major repairs/ renovation, the proposals are examined on case to case basis and works for upgradation/ creation of facilities are taken up accordingly. For the first time, Sports Authority of India has decided to provide additional funds to the tune of Rs.25.00 lacs for each of its centres in first phase to take up immediate repairs for upgradation of the existing facilities.

In order to expedite the process of maintenance / upgradation of SAI centres, Nodal Officers for the respective Centres have been appointed and based on their quarterly reports, the centres which require immediate repairs/renovations are provided with grants accordingly.

Sports Authority of India is implementing its various Sports Promotional Schemes in the country through its ten Regional Centres and two Academic Institutions spread across the country. The Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme being implemented by SAI identifies talent from the rural, tribal, coastal and hilly region of the country and nurture them for excellence through its SAG Centres.

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